Dear Gerry, 2/15/98

The kids really have grown. Maybe it seems that they have grown more because it is so long since we've seen then. They also seem quite happy, which is fine, too. But we'd assumed, having heard so little from you, that you and Dennis were busy. As, to the degree now possible, I have been, too.

The picture of the pont made by New Deal WPA reminds me of many projects of that era, intended for recovery, that linger and were so valuable. In Tennessee there is the second place in the world where there is a moonbow, on the Cumberland River. All that was done to make it into a recreational area was by the CCC, of which I do wish we had one today. (I think the other place with a moonbow is the great falls of the Zambesi, in Africa.) There are so many useful thing that can be done and so many needing work to do them, it is a great tragedy that the Republican faulty reasoning that was aimed at the worthwhile projects of the New Deal lingers in our political life.

I have finished Faking Kennedy: The Dark Side of Sy Hersh. Thinking of changing the title to Hersh-It Journalism: Faking Kennedy. I hope it is being retyped. The Brown and the Doghue manuscripts have been retyped but I've no news on the corrections that I've ready for them. Dave has retyped what he has made into a deparate book, the epilpgue for the Newman manuscript. I've sent him the corrections. The Malaysian students who did the original typing skipped some pages that I did manage to pick up and include. (They also ripped me off in other ways.)

On black-Asian conflict, there was some serious troubles in Washington, too, including murders.

It may be that the 30th King assassination annivserary will get it more attention but as yet I've had no indication of that.

If you have not heard from Jerry, he has his sabbatical and he has continued to go over files and make copies of records that as I think I've said before we both think one of you should go over and get copies for your own work. He will be doing more if his school load eases up. Much administration work lately.

If you want to do anything with Hersh, get what I've written in whatever form it is then available. I hope with corrections before long but do not know.

Lesar has not yet told me but before he could file his appeals brief for Hickey St. Martins settled out of court. Hickey is in a nursing home now.

Best to all, and thanks for the pix,

Harold